The total population of tribals and non-tribals before Tsunami tragedy in Andaman District was 3222 and 3,11,180 respectively.

(b) The number of tribal and non-tribal families affected due to earthquake that jolted the Andaman District on 26.12.2004 was 205 and 39. 829 respectively.

Assessment of damage/losses due to Tsunami

834. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Damage Assessment Committee (s) was/were constituted by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to assess the damages/losses caused to the human life and properties to the families living in the Andaman district due to earthquake occurred on 26th December, 2004; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Assessment teams, comprising representatives from Department of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Civil Supply, Police and Forest, were constituted for assessing the damages sustained in various sectors. The assessment teams for South Andaman were constituted by Deputy Commissioner (Andamans) and for Middle & North Andaman the teams were constituted by Assistant Commissioner, Mayabunder.

Financial assistance to Kerala for flood relief

835. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Kerala seeking financial assistance for flood relief from the National Calamity Contingency Fund is pending with Government for sanction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government turned down the proposal of the State Government if any, for the massive relief operations during the current year; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of loss reported from Kerala to agricultural crops and irrigation systems following the calamity and the assistance sanctioned by Government to make good the loss thereof?